



MINUTES

Kane County Resource Committee
76 North Main Street
Kanab, Utah 84741
February 19, 2020

Resource Interagency Meeting

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| 9:00 AM | Call to Order | Jim Matson |
| | Prayer | Jim Matson |
| | Pledge of Allegiance | Byard Kershaw |

Attendees: Ade' Nelson, KC Resource Planner; Wendy Allan, Administrative Assistant; Andy Gant, KC Commissioner; Peter Goetzinger, North Kaibab Ranger District; Michael Franklin, State Parks; Jim Matson, KC Resource Committee; Byard Kershaw, KC Resource Committee; Spencer Rollo, FFSL; Pam Hill, KC Resource Committee; Heath Hansen, Sen. Mike Lee's Office; Shae Owens, PLPCO; Clay Stewart, BLM; Charlie Saba, KC Resource Committee; Bart Battista, KC Resource Committee; Kendal Neisess, Glen Canyon NRA

1. Approval of Minutes

Tony Chelewski made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 16, 2019 meeting. Michael Franklin seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Introductions

Introductions were made around the room.

3. Congressional Update

Keith Hansen-Senator Lee's Office: Senator Lee is concerned about mineral withdrawals on federal land. He has been in touch with the Trump administration inquiring the likelihood of opening uranium mining on the Arizona strip.

Senator Lee is watching the RS2477 Bellwether case.

He is also watching the implementation of the GSENM plans.

Shae Owens-PLPCO: His office is lead council in the RS2477 Bellwether Trial.

Shae asked if the BLM has plans to start travel management plans. Clay Stewart (BLM) indicated Trail Canyon TMP is moving forward. The BLM is moving forward on opening the Inchworm Arch Road and V-road routes. Transportation planning for GSNEM does not have a start date.

Shae's office is working with Congressman Stewart's office to get Flint Trail open to street legal ATVs.

Commissioner Gant: Reported on the current legislative meetings. There are several bills regarding moving EMS from public health to public service. They are looking at redoing TRT formulas that would allow for more infrastructure and emergency services. HB190 defines contracting scenario with municipalities and counties. Predator control looks like it will fall under the Division of Natural Resources instead of the Wildlife Board.

4. Agency Updates

Clay Stewart-BLM: The BLM received an application for a youth group for the Hole in the Rock Road. Because of the new GSENM and KEPA plans they were able to issue a letter of agreement instead of a special recreation permit.

Trail Canyon TMP: Cultural crew are now working and hope to have it wrapped up in a couple of months.

Lands with Wilderness Characteristics inventories: They hope to have the three units completed by the end of May.

Route Evaluation meetings: beginning March 30th meeting.

East Zion: Focus is on cultural and wildlife clearance work. Statements of work examples should be ready soon.

Kanab Field Office and GSENM are managing around 150 special recreation permits with about 10 new application.

Vermilion Cliffs/Wave Access EA: They are working on the three decision records and should have signatures soon. One decision is focused on increasing access in Coyote Buttes North. Another is focused on Utah infrastructure and the third is regarding Arizona infrastructure.

Peter-North Kaibab Ranger Station: They are working on the Burnt Corral EA should be out for review in the near future. That will include timber cutting and prescribed fire. They are also working on an ecological restoration project that covers the entire North Kaibab Ranger area.

Seasonal hiring has been successful but there have not been many locals.

They plan to treat 10,000 acres with prescribed fire this years. They are currently at about 6400 acres.

This Thursday they are reoffering three timber sales at a lower cost, totaling about 7 million board feet. In June another 2.3 million board feet will go up for sale. There is a plan to sell another 1.3 million board feet of timber in September.

Spencer Rollo-KC Fire Warden: They are looking at some fuels projects in the Deer Springs area, specifically on the Forest Service boundary. Work continues on East Zion. They are having difficulty convincing private land owners to allow for tree cutting.

On the state side they are focusing on East Zion, Duck Creek, and the Upper North Fork area around Navajo Lake.

They are working on developing Community Wildfire Protection Plans for East Zion and Glendale Town.

Kanab Creek burning in partnership with Kanab City should be finished soon. The goal is to clear to the dam.

Mike Franklin-Coral Pinks State Park: They have finished the expansion of campground, adding 12 new sites and a group site. The county has submitted paperwork for road improvements.

Seasonal help has been difficult to find. It has to do with the cost of living in Kane County.

They are working with the office of tourism to bring people to the park.

Kendall Neisess-Glen Canyon NRA: Glen Canyon currently has 53 employment vacancies.

They are working to open up their ORV routes.

They are kicking off an Escalante visitor experience study to gather data for a future plan for Escalante. They are having issues with sanitation and crowding in that area (Coyote Gulch).

They are starting an EA to allow bicycles at Stud Horse Mesa.

5. Local Updates

Bart: He spoke of vandalism in area.

Ade: She invited agencies to reach out to her for information and assistance.

Byard Kershaw asked about Alton coal. Clay Stewart (BLM) indicated a DNA was signed to begin removing the overburden from a 40 acre section of the mine. Commission Gant reported that Kane County got a CIB grant for 1.5 million to improve the Alton Coal Road.

The next interagency meeting is April 15, 2020 at 9:00am.

Mike Franklin made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Tony Chelewski.

Meeting dismissed at 10:04 am.

Jim Matson, Resource Committee Chair

Wendy Allan, Administrative Assistant